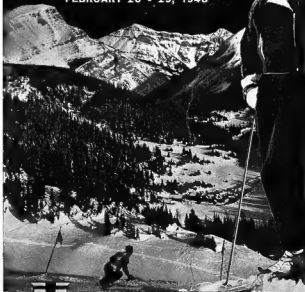


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# In Memoriam

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## SIDNEY M. GRAVES

Who was the hardest working vice-president any organization ever had

From 1939 to 1942, for four seasons, Sidney ran the Ski Runners on an action stations basis. He saw what had to be done and did it. The crying need of skiing at Banff then was a small cabin at the top of the Downhill where competitors could rest after the long climb and take shelter until their starting time. This was emphasized by the 1937 Dominion Meet, but it took Sidney and his hardworking Juniors to do something about it in the fall of '39 and have it ready for the 1940 Dominion Meet. It took weeks of back-breaking toil to haul the material required up that appalling pitch and put it together. Let those who take shelter in the Memorial Hut give thanks to those who made it possible but are not here to share it: Sidney Graves, Gordon Haggard, Donald Lewthwaite, Joe Tiesmaki and Rupe Edwards. They took on another tough job and did not return. Others of the band are scattered, while some remain to carry on Sid's work or to race from the cabin. You can ask the Gourlay boys how much each nail weighed by the time it got to the top.

Sid led a campaign each fall to improve the slopes at Norquay, and by his hard-working example achieved a great deal with his depleted ranks during the war years.

His leadership was missed from the Club when he switched his winter activities to Sunshine Lodge, which he operated with his wife until they moved to Canmore, where he spent the last two years of his life on their ranch. Born in Kalispel, Montana, in 1901, Sid came to the foothill country and Banff as a young man in 1919 where he found his bride, Sylvia (Sid) Brewster. After a roving life between Seebe, Banff and Lake O'Hara, they had finally settled on their mountain ranch where he died as he had lived, "in the saddle", on January 8th, 1946. He was a grand guy and in his quiet way a good friend to every skier who came along.



## **JAMES I. BREWSTER**

**1882 - 1947**

Amidst the colorful throng of ski-ers on the slopes of Mount Norquay and across the snowy uplands of Simpson Summit one looks in vain for "Jim" Brewster. A full year has run its course since he crossed the Great Divide of Life, yet many more years shall roll and many winters come before his genial smile and ever-helping hand are forgotten.

A successful business man, a keen politician, a good citizen, interested in all forms of outdoor sport and recreation, Jim had an unique hobby, namely, the Canadian Rockies in which he lived and which he loved so well. Thinking not only of the present but looking well into the future he long ago foresaw the time when Banff National Park, in addition to being a popular summer playground, would become a Mecca for winter sports patrons from all parts of North America and from lands across the seas.

But for his influence and enthusiasm it is doubtful if easy access to the Norquay Hill or to the delectable ski terrain around Sunshine Chelier would even now be possible. As a boy he knew nothing whatever about skis, which were then foreign to the Rockies. But, later in life, he became an ardent ski-er and spent many a happy hour on the high sunny moorlands at the head of Healy Creek.

High above the town of Banff and rubbing shoulders with Mt. Norquay is the mountain named Brewster. It stands as a worthy and enduring memorial to a man who, on ski trails at noon and by the fireide at the close of day, was in truth a Good Companion.

—DAN McCOWAN.

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# A Welcome . . .

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On the occasion of the 1948 Canadian Ski Championships it is a pleasure, on behalf of the Banff National Park, to extend a most cordial welcome to contestants, officials, ski enthusiasts, and all visitors. You will find a friendly welcome awaiting you in Banff and at the various superlative ski slopes which this Park affords. May all contestants write their deeds large on the ski slopes of Mount Norquay, and may all visitors enjoy to the full the amenities of Banff and the splendor of the Canadian Rockies of this famous region.

J. A. HUTCHISON,  
Superintendent.





# A DESCRIPTION OF EVENTS FOR THE SPECTATOR

By BILL ROSS

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**THE CROSS-COUNTRY RACE**—This race, as the name implies, is run on a course consisting of uphill, downhill, and level portions. The course is approximately eleven miles of changing gradients interspersed with level stretches carefully chosen to be an exacting test of the competitor's skiing ability, stamina, judgment of snow and weather conditions, skill with waxes, and, above all, his ability to conserve enough strength for the final dash to the finish line.

**THE DOWNHILL or STRAIGHT RACE**—This great test of speed, courage, control, and stamina is a spectacle guaranteed to tingle the nerves and raise the blood-pressure of every spectator. On imposing Mount Norquay's steep slopes the justly famous "Downhill Course" challenges every competitor's courage to choose a fast, steep "line" and his ability to stick to it.

Starting at the small log shelter cabin snuggling close under the cliffs of the mountain's peak, the racer takes a last look at the river and town in the valley three thousand feet below, checks for the twentieth time the fit of his ski bindings, and shoves off at the starter's "Go!" At first the going is easy. The slope is plenty steep and fast but there is lots of room for long swinging turns to keep his speed just below the danger point. The nervousness of the start begins to fade, confidence floods back. Careful! The bordering trees converge, a steep, tricky side-hill leads to the narrow "Funnell"—he's through! Two fast swings, he skirts "The Cliff" and the hill drops away under his skis. His speed builds up,—up,—up; time stands still while screaming wind and blurry trees tear past, hold it! hold it!—his speed begins to slacken—ah, the finish flags at last, he made it! But look! Another runner is on his way.

Nearly every foot of the race is visible to the spectator. The competitors start a minute apart and are timed individually. Only when necessary are flags used to control the racer's course. Blue flags are set in pairs or "gates" through which the racers must pass. Yellow flags denote hidden dangers. Red flags show the best or safest route. Racers must not accept assistance or equipment from anyone during a race and must complete the entire course on skis.

**THE SLALOM RACE**—This is a downhill race in which the course is marked out by gates of colored flags through which the racers must pass. Unless the course is exceptionally long it is usually run twice by each competitor, total time, including penalties, if any, to count. A "single" penalty is incurred when only one foot crosses the imaginary line between the two flags of a gate. A "double" penalty is scored when neither foot but a portion of one or both skis crosses this line. A "single" penalty usually amounts to one-tenth of the fastest recorded time; a "double" is twice this.

The slalom race is a most exacting test of skill and judgment. The racer is required to execute high speed turns of varying sharpness and the utmost precision on changing gradients and uneven ground. Although this race is of comparatively recent origin, it has been developed to a fine art. The expert slalomist in action is a symphony of grace and form, so fluent and precise are his movements.

**JUMPING.**—This competition is probably the most thrilling of all ski events to both the spectator and the competitor. The skill and daring displayed on a big hill such as the championship jump at Mt. Norquay is bound to win the hearts of all who come in contact with them. Although snow and weather conditions limit the length of jumps to some extent, it is seldom that a major competition at Banff is won by leaps of less than 180 feet, and 200 feet is not uncommon. The hill record of 218 feet was set by Alf Engen, former U.S. champion and now jumping coach to the U.S. Olympic ski team.

Jumping is scored on a point system. Each competitor makes two jumps, for each of which he receives points for both style and distance. The distance points are figured out immediately following the competition, with the longest no-fall jump of the day as a basis. Points for style, which is rated equal to distance, are allotted to each man as he completes each jump by the judges (either two or three) who work independently of each other. "Style" in jumping does not mean that the jumper must act "stylish". The judges watch him closely from their vantage points from the moment he begins to move. His actions during "in-run", crouch, take-off, the actual flight, landing, "out-run", and stop are all carefully noted with regard to his control of himself and his skis, his balance, judgment, and timing. His total possible style points for that jump are then docked for each slight deviation from perfection. The method is complicated, but it is considered to be the only fair system, and it certainly is the only sure way to prevent over-anxious competitors taking unnecessary risks in trying for more distance than their ability ordinarily allows. The jumper who falls is practically out of the running, as he loses heavily both style and distance points.

For all its thrills and, sometimes, spills, jumping is not as dangerous as it may look. The fact that it is learned by a long slow apprenticeship combined with a scientifically designed hill properly prepared prevent most spills becoming accidents. Of course, a few minor injuries do occur from time to time, but jumping in no way compares with the mortality hazards of beating traffic lights or passing a truck on the crest of a hill! In any case, mankind has always wanted to leave the ground behind and soar with the birds.

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## THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN SKI ZONE

The Rocky Mountain Ski Zone—what is it? The word "Zone" implies an area, and in our case it is roughly Southern Alberta and a portion of British Columbia extending to Golden.

Within this area active ski clubs support the Rocky Mountain Ski Zone Committee who are the liaison officers between the governing body for Canada, the C.A.S.A. (Canadian Amateur Ski Association) and the individual clubs. A few of the objects of the Zone are to advance and supervise amateur skiing in the zone, to hold an annual zone championship tournament, and to encourage the formation of local ski clubs. Special objects of the zone are to aid and encourage the development of skiing facilities, to improve the quality of skiing in this area, to develop ski patrols, and to advance mountain skiing through the study of snow-craft.

The R.M.S. Zone actively entered the 1947-48 skiing picture with a meeting held early in the skiing season at Calgary, when the following officers were elected:

|                                |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Chairman                       | Don Young, Canmore Ski Club                         |
| Vice-Chairman                  | Bill Ross, Calgary Ski Club                         |
| Sec.-Treas.                    | Neil Carr, Calgary Ski Club                         |
| Competitive Committee          | Bob Watt, Ski Runners of the Canadian Rockies.      |
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BROS.**  
(CLIFF)  
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The oldest and largest clubs within the zone are the Calgary Ski Club and the Ski Runners of the Canadian Rockies, Banff, who are dealt with elsewhere in this booklet.

While these two clubs formed the nucleus of the zone, several other clubs have been formed in recent years and they have already shown a keen interest in zone activities and skiing in general.

The Canmore Ski Club has been particularly active in the zone and is co-sponsoring the Canadian Championships for the second time. Much of the early work of the snowcraft committee was done by Canmore Ski Club members.

Formed in 1940, the Red Deer Ski Club has displayed increasing activity in recent years and this year almost 30 club members made a trip to Banff, many of them doing so for the first time.

Following is a list of other clubs in the zone and a brief summary of the most recent activities.

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## LAKE LOUISE SKI CLUB

President, Stanly Boyle, Organizer, Ken Jones, Secretary, N. Charyk.

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At present we have several plaques, amongst them the Mac-Coubrey Trophy, which we would like to put up for competition amongst our neighboring clubs. Challenges will soon be sent out to other clubs in the zone.

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### CROSSFIELD SKI CLUB

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The Crossfield Ski Club is a new name on the Zone roster, but we intend to make it a prominent one. While enthusiastic, our members have not attained the form necessary to enter the major races. However, we intend to develop our natural skiing resources through brushing slopes and constructing a rope tow and with some instructional aid from the older member clubs of the Zone we expect to rapidly acquire an increased skill and enjoyment of skiing.

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This is the first year that Medicine Hat has had an organized ski club, and despite the mild weather and lack of snow, we have almost 75 members. However, the same lack of snow has enabled us to show several instructional films on skiing and hold two dances, both very successful.

A pioneer party investigated the skiing possibilities of Elkwater Lake, about forty miles distant, and their favorable report has prompted tentative plans for chartering buses so that all ski club members may enjoy a day's skiing at this resort.

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We would like to announce to our friends who have formerly known us as the Penguin Ski Club that we have changed our name to the Nanton Ski Club. Our ski hill is presently located seven miles due west of town, and is served by a good gravel road. Our new 600 foot rope tow was in operation by last November, but we are still working on the remodeling of the ski hut. Prospects of skiing are not too good this year, due to the dearth of snow, and "spring" skiing will definitely not be up to last year's when some five feet of wind-blown snow drifted over the hill.



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## **MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY**

1st

2nd

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## **COMBINED RESULTS**

1st

2nd

3rd

## **MEN'S DOWNHILL**

1st

2nd

3rd

4th

5th

## **MEN'S SLALOM**

1st

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## **COMBINED RESULTS**

1st

2nd

3rd

## **BOYS' DOWNHILL**

1st

2nd

3rd

## **BOYS' SLALOM**

1st

2nd

3rd

## **BOYS' JUMPING**

1st

2nd

3rd

## **COMBINED RESULTS**

1st

2nd

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## PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

### THURSDAY, FEB 26th

- 10 00 a.m.—  
Official Opening.  
10 30 a.m.—  
Men's Cross-country  
2 00 p.m.—Boys' Jumping  
7 30 p.m.—C. A. S. A.  
Annual Meeting  
(Western Division)

### FRIDAY, FEB. 27th

- 12 noon—Men's and  
Boys' Downhill  
11 00 a.m.—Ladies' and  
Girls' Downhill  
7 30 p.m.—C. A. S. A.  
Annual Meeting  
(Western Division)

### SATURDAY, FEB. 28th

- 10 00 a.m.—Ladies' and  
Girls' Slalom (first run)  
followed by Men's and  
Boys' Slalom (first run)  
1 00 p.m.—Second runs,  
above events  
12 30 p.m.—**SUN FEB 29**  
Men's Jumping.  
3 00 p.m.—Exhibition  
Giant Slalom.  
7 00 p.m.—Competitors'  
Banquet and Presenta-  
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[Championship]  
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Men's Jumping  
Men's Combined Cross-country and Jumping

Men's Downhill  
Men's Slalom  
Men's Combined Downhill and Slalom

Ladies' Downhill  
Ladies' Slalom  
Ladies' Combined Downhill and Slalom

Boys' Downhill  
Boys' Slalom  
Boys' Jumping  
Boys' Combined Downhill and Slalom

Girls' Downhill  
Girls' Slalom  
Girls' Combined Downhill and Slalom

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## **LADIES' DOWNHILL**

1st

2nd

3rd

4th

5th

## **LADIES' SLALOM**

1st

2nd

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4th

5th

## **COMBINED RESULTS**

1st

2nd

3rd

## **GIRLS' DOWNHILL**

1st

2nd

3rd

4th

5th

## **GIRLS' SLALOM**

1st

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## **COMBINED RESULTS**

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## SNOWCRAFT COMMITTEE

One of the most important jobs carried out by the Rocky Mountain Ski Zone is the work carried on by its snowcraft committee, headed this year by Connie Mackey of the Calgary Ski Club. Here-with is a report of its work.

Established in 1938 by Don Young of Canmore, the Snowcraft Committee will continue its study of snow falls and formations, and the correlation of this data with that gathered on avalanches. To this end ski lodges and guides co-operate by keeping weather reports on snow and avalanche conditions throughout the mountainous skiing area of the Zone.

The Committee is also gathering a library of technical information including text books and information from observers both in the United States and Great Britain, who are following the same line of study.

Connie Mackey, chairman of the Committee, is to be commended for his tireless volunteer work in gathering data, and for the enthusiasm with which he passes it on to other members.

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## THE CALGARY SKI CLUB

By NIGEL DUNN

For many years the Calgary Ski Club consisted of little more than a handful of enthusiastic skiers and the names on the roster varied but little each year. Since the end of the Second Great War, however, ski fever has hit Calgarians by the hundreds and membership increased by leaps and bounds with more than 800 persons in the club when the season ended last year.

The club was organized in 1920 under the presidency of Rudy J. Verne. One of their first events was a jumping contest in Elbow Park and skiers from Edmonton, Camrose, Revelstoke and other parts of the Dominion put on a show that most city residents had never seen before.





Slow progress was made by the club during the 20's and it was not until 1930 that the club was taken seriously by more than a few Calgary people

Six men—John Southam, who arrived that year in Calgary, Dudley Batchelor, Alan Carscallen, Gordon Moodie, Fred Ausenhus and Gordon "Doc" Campbell—were among the enthusiasts who formed the nucleus of the Calgary Ski Club. Their untiring efforts resulted in the first "ski specials" buses, then trains, transporting skiers to Banff

On May 9, 1935, the club was incorporated under the Societies Act of Alberta, and the small band of skiers became recognized officially for the first time. Added to the names of the above six men on the application for a charter, were those of Jack Farish and Alan Turney

The first competitions were also held that year. Bill Ross took the Cavanaugh Trophy for the men's slalom event, and Ruby Roberts received The Calgary Herald Trophy, emblematic of the ladies' slalom title



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The following year a men's downhill and men's combined events were added. John Southam won the Russell Sporting Goods Trophy for the former event and Bill Ross the Hudson's Bay Company Trophy for the combined. Alon Carscoller captured men's slalom honors and Verda Cavanaugh the ladies' slalom.

Throughout the years between 1935 and 1939, increased numbers of local persons were converted to the sport and larger numbers began making weekly trips to Mt. Norquay.

By 1937 Norquay's slopes were recognized to be sufficiently good enough to be the scene of the Dominion ski championships. The scene then was much different from that of the present Canadian meet. Instead of the large roomy lodge which now stands at the base of the main slope, a log cabin which fairly bulged when only 100 hungry skiers jammed inside, was the only place where spectators could retire for a warming cup of coffee.

The following year this congenial lodge burned down and the erection of the present building marked the beginning of a new era at Norquay, halted only during the Second Great War. Little by little slopes were cleared and enlarged to handle the increasing number of skiers and by 1940 when the "Dominions" were held at Norquay for the second time, the development was much the same as it is today.

Like other ski clubs, activities of the Calgary group were slowed down during the war years. Top competitors, and council members joined the armed forces and junior members were left pretty much on their own. The club never lacked unifying leadership during this time, however, and when the end of the war came, the old-timers returned to a still large and keen club.

A good future for the club is assured if the still growing enthusiasm for skiing among Calgarians is any indication and the officers have done their utmost this year to ensure Calgary skiers the maximum in skiing pleasure.

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These are the fellows, racers, skiers-for-fun and chatting-on-a-sunny-slope skiers, who run this small club with a big job.

This will be the third Canadian Championship Meet to be held on the slopes of Norquay 1937, 1940 and 1948. Each time Banff has been ably abetted by the Calgary and Canmore Clubs, but it is the town club, the Ski Runners, which is "on the spot" literally and figuratively. While the Ski Runners cannot go skiing every day as some people seem to think, skiing is their way of life perhaps more than for the "city skier". The old mountain sits right there looking at them on a lovely Monday or Tuesday morning and is all a-sparkle with night-fallen frozen dew, and they still have to go to work instead of skiing all day as the Good Lord intended.

Being on the spot, the Ski Runners find themselves, running or helping to run, every meet held on the battered old slopes of Norquay, and it appears that this will include a goodly number of Canadian Championships in the future. The first one, in 1937, was really spectacular, with a Swiss University team and a Dartmouth College team under Walter Prager, as well as jumpers Alf Engen, American champion, and Sverre Kolterud from Norway, to add glamour and snap to the open competition. In 1940 the war made the Championships more of a strictly Canadian proposition.

This year the competition roster for Mount Norquay reads as follows:

Western Intercollegiate Meet January 31st, February 1st  
Rocky Mountain Ski Zone Championships February 15th.  
Inter-City Slalom (Calgary and Edmonton) February 22nd.  
Canadian Championships February 26th to 29th inclusive  
Ski Runners of the Canadian Rockies Championships Mar. 6, 7  
Calgary Ski Club Championships March 14th.  
Memorial Cup Race (S.R.C.R.) March 21st

Yes, skiing is a way of life, not just a week-end sport.

While some of the racing Ski Runners were lost overseas, and others have moved to the "flatlands", some of the veterans will be racing for the Club in another Canadian Championships Meet on Mount Norquay this year, while the best juniors are being enthused by the expert training of the club coach, Gerry Monod, a French-Swiss lad, who would rather coach racers than do anything else. He is from the Emil Allais Ski School in Chamonix, and also worked with Rudolph Rominger in St. Moritz. He really knows the business, and the racing Ski Runners appreciate their luck and have been working hard to become Ski Top-Win-Runners.

So much for the facts, now for a little fancy information. What is a Ski Runner? (He is a working member of the official Ski Club for Banff and its considerable vicinity). A Ski Runner is a native, either born or acquired. A Ski Runner loves two things, mountains and mountain skiing. He therefore lives in the mountains and skis.

A Ski Runner may be a good, bad or indifferent skier, cautious or bold, but he is not afraid to fall down. It's all part of the day's skiing and he figures he might as well be philosophical about it.

A Ski Runner, when he gets older (he never gets old), sometimes may be seen standing around on the slope basking in the sun, spinning tales about "When Skiing Started Around Here". Then the squirrels stop squirring and the Lone Pine Moose perks his ears up to hear him "spin one". These are the Ski Runners who grew up with skiing in the Canadian Rockies. Now the juniors start doing stem turns as soon as they can walk, and cut their teeth on the rocks in the Gulley, and their bedtime stories are about the early days at Skoki, Sunshine, Assiniboine and the High Country.

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# THE NORTHERN ALBERTA SKI ZONE

By J. R. "PAT" PATENAUDE

The Northern Alberta Ski Zone was organized in the fall of 1937 by the well known skier and mountaineer, Major Rex Gibson, assisted by George Harris, who was secretary-treasurer. The following year, due to Major Gibson's absence from the city, George became chairman and the writer was elected secretary-treasurer.

The Zone had a humble but healthy start, counting as members the Edmonton Ski Club, South Side Collegiates, Jasper Park Ski Club and the Camrose Ski Club. Although perhaps one of the youngest Zones in the C.A.S.A., the N.A.S. Zone nevertheless boasts of having two of the oldest clubs in Canada—yes, sir, both the Edmonton Ski Club and the Camrose Ski Club were incorporated in December, 1911, and both these clubs have been active ever since.

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The Zone had achieved the aims of the C.A.S.A. in the co-ordination and running off of tournaments, and the fostering of a better entente between clubs when the Second World War broke out. When George Harris answered the call to colors in 1941, Pat assumed the chairmanship and had as his able secretary Miss Betty Magnus. However, the following year Pat enlisted and the Zone became dormant until this winter when it was reorganized and elaborate plans formulated for this season, under the former leadership of George Harris and Pat Patenaude.

There are now seven member clubs in the Zone. The Edmonton Ski Club, Eskimo Ski Club, Varsity Outdoor, Snow Bird, Artik Canoe and Ski Club, all in Edmonton, and the out-of-town clubs of Jasper and Camrose, with a total membership well over the one thousand mark.

The Zone has played an important part in the organization of the well known and popular ski trips to Banff. Last year there were three

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trains operated to the famous slopes of Mount Norquay, with 899 skiers boarding the rattler to travel 552 miles to enjoy twelve hours skiing in the Majestic Canadian Rockies. Three trains are again scheduled from Edmonton for this year to take in mile-high skiing, one of them will permit two days of skiing at Banff instead of the usual 12 hours.

Linked with the February sk. train is the annual Inter-City Men's Slalom race between the City of Edmonton and Calgary for the J. B. Cross Trophy, emblematic of skiing supremacy between the rival cities. This year Edmonton has challenged Calgary to a ladies' Inter-City Meet which Calgary has sportingly accepted. An elegant trophy is being put up by the boys from the spot well-known as the "Gateway to the North".

Keen enthusiasm is being shown in the announcement that the Edmonton Sk. Club has donated to the Zone a memorial trophy to be known as the "Benny Clarke Memorial Trophy", and that the Eskimo Club likewise have completed arrangements to have Herman Bowness' ski boots mounted and to be known as the "Herman Bowness Memorial Trophy". Benny and Herman were keen, energetic and active members of their club, and both gave their lives while serving in the R.C.A.F. during the recent war. These trophies, fittingly, will be donated by ballot on the points of sportsmanship, skiing ability and club interest.

The Northern Alberta Skier is the Zone's Official Organ and although of humble beginning, it is of great interest to all club members in the Zone and it is our hope that it will be bigger and better in years to come.

The Northern A.S. Zone, affiliated clubs and their members wish to extend to the Rocky Mountain Zone their sincere best wishes for a successful and fruitful meet. May Lady Luck be with you all through the four days of the 1948 Canadian Sk. Championships—no fooling.



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